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SUBJECT: SAHEL TRUST FUND - SHORT TERM CROP PROTECTION

NOUAKCHOTT FOR KELLY; ROME FOR SKILES

1. POLARIS OF OSRO IS PUSHING FOR OUTSTANDING OR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AGAINST A STATED MINIMUM 4.5 MILLION DOLLAR REQUIREMENT FOR SHORT-TERM SAHEL CROP PROTECTION.

LATEST READING TO DATE FROM POLARIS (VIA TELCON) INDICATES OSRO HAS 3.9 MILLION AVAILABLE THIS PURPOSE, AS FOLLOWS: SPECIFIC, EARMARKED COMMITMENTS FROM USG (.5 MILLION), UK (.3 MILLION), SWEDEN (.25 MILLION), HOLLAND (.4 MILLION), NORWAY (.2 MILLION) FOR TOTAL OF 1.65 MILLION DOLLARS. REMAINDER OF 2.25 MILLION DOLLARS BEING TAKEN FROM PREVIOUS, UNCOMMITTED DONATIONS.

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2. POLARIS CONTACTING CANADIANS JUST THIS WEEK FOR SPECIFIC
DONATION THIS PURPOSE. HOWEVER, CANADIAN FISCAL YEAR
BEGINS APRIL 1, AND LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION PROCEDURES
PRESENT PROBLEMS THEIR MAKING FIRM COMMITMENT AT THIS
TIME ALTHOUGH CANADIANS INDICATE THEY PROBABLY CAN ASSIST
IN TWO-THREE MONTHS' TIME. WE SHOULD KNOW CANADIAN
DECISION IN ABOUT A WEEK.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING OUR PREVIOUS ACTION MEMORANDUM
INDICATION TO AA/AFR THAT USG WOULD CONSIDER ADDITIONAL

FUNDING, THIS WAS ON UNDERSTANDING THAT OSRO WAS IN
POSSESSION OF FIRM COMMITMENT FOR 3 MILLION DOLLARS
FROM OTHER DONORS WHICH NOW APPEARS ERRONEOUS. AID/W
CONCERNED WITH ORIGIN OF 2.25 MILLION DOLLARS UNCOMMITTED
DONATIONS WHICH OSRO PLANNING TO USE THIS PURPOSE.
OF 3,292,000 DOLLARS PROVIDED BY USG TO OSRO (DISCOUNTING
LATEST 500,000 FOR CROP PROTECTION), 547,000 DOLLARS
REMAINS QUOTE UNCOMMITTED UNQUOTE AS FOLLOWS:
200,000 DOLLARS FROM TRUCK PURCHASE CONTRIBUTION;
300,000 FROM TRANSPORT CONTRIBUTION; AND 47,000 DOLLARS
MISCELLANEOUS.

4. REQUEST YOU DISCUSS THESE ISSUES DURING YOUR ROME
DISCUSSIONS AND SOLICIT OSRO INTENTIONS FOR UTILIZATION
REMAINING USG DONATIONS. POSSIBILITY EXISTS USG MAY
UNKNOWINGLY BE FURNISHING DE FACTO FUNDS IN EXCESS OF OUR
INTENDED COMMITMENTS THIS PURPOSE AND IN CONTRAVENTION
OUR QUOTE UNDERSTANDINGS UNQUOTE. REQUEST YOU AGAIN
SEEK DETAILED REPORT ON ALL OSRO REVENUES AND
EXPENDITURES.

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